

Interim Lead Scientist's Report

Summary: This report provides information about two matters: first, the 6th Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference to be held Sept. 27-29, 2010 at the Sacramento Convention Center and second, an update on the Delta Independent Science Board's inaugural meeting.

2010 Bay-Delta Science Conference

The Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference (formerly known as the CALFED Science Conference) is a forum that meets every other year to present current science and science policy analyses and results relevant to the California Bay-Delta. The Delta Science Program co-sponsors the conference as part of its mission to provide the best possible, current, scientific information for water and environmental decision-making in the Bay-Delta ecosystem. The goal of the conference is to provide new information such as study results, model simulations, and analysis and syntheses of data to the broad community of scientists, engineers, resource managers, and stakeholders working on Bay-Delta issues. The 2008 Science Conference was attended by more than 1,150 people and included more than 250 presentations.

- The Program for the 2010 Bay-Delta Science Conference is available on the conference website: <http://www.baydeltascienceconf.com>
- Highlighted Plenary Speakers and Presentation Titles for Monday morning on Sept. 27, 2010 are:
 - Phil Isenberg, Chairman, Delta Stewardship Council
 - “Does Science Push Policy or Just Follow Along?”
 - Cliff Dahm, Interim Lead Scientist, Delta Science Program
 - “Science for a More Sustainable Delta: Challenges for the Future”
 - Vince Resh, Delta Independent Science Board Member/Professor of Entomology, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley
 - “Development of a Biological Monitoring Program for the Lower Mekong River, Southeast Asia”
 - John Wiens, Delta Independent Science Board Member/Emeritus Colorado State University Distinguished Professor
 - “The Bay-Delta: Conservation and Management in a Labyrinth”

- Delta Stewardship Council members are invited to attend the 2010 Bay-Delta Science Conference.
 - Council members interested in attending the conference should contact Jill McGee for complimentary registration to the conference. Jill may be contacted at Jill.McGee@deltacouncil.ca.gov or (916) 445-7690.

Delta Independent Science Board

- The Delta Independent Science Board will hold its inaugural meeting on Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 2010, immediately after the Bay-Delta Science Conference, in the Delta Room at 650 Capitol Mall. Members of the Delta Stewardship Council are invited to attend.
- The Draft Agenda for the inaugural meeting will include the following items:
 - Reports from the Chair and the Interim Executive Officer of the Delta Stewardship Council.
 - Review of Charge for the Delta Independent Science Board.
 - Adopt Delta Independent Science Board Guidelines.
 - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board.
 - Overview of the Delta Science Program and Discussion of Lead Scientist Recruitment.
 - Presentations on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, Interagency Ecological Program, and National Research Council's Delta activities.

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